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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA

1. LUTHERAN COUNCIL USA HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT OF RECEIPT HERE AND IN LUTHERAN GENEVA OFFICE OF MESSAGE FROM DR. LUKAS DEVRIES, PRESIDENT EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SOUTHWEST AFRICA, THAT REVEREND KAMEETA, AND MSSRS. KANGUEEHI, NAHOLO, AND GUITEB WERE ARRESTED YESTERDAY
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(MONDAY AUGUST 25, 1975) UNDER THE TERRORISM ACT. KAMEETA

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IS LUTHERAN PASTOR WHILE KANGUEEHI AND NAHOLO ARE
RESPECTIVELY TEACHER AND STUDENT AT LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOOLS
GUITEB NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED.

2. ACCORDING TO DR. DEVRIES, NAMIBIA NATIONAL CONVENTION
(NNC) HAS SENT AN APPEAL TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM
URGENTLY REQUESTING THAT HE COME TO NAMIBIA BEFORE AUGUST
29, 1975 "TO WITNESS THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN
NAMIBIA." APPEAL INCLUDES REFERENCE TO WIDESPREAD
PRESENCE AND ACTIVITY OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE AND SOLDIERS
WHO ARE INTIMIDATING NAMIBIANS.
AT LEAST NINE LEADERS HAD

BEEN ARRESTED AS OF AUGUST 24, 1975. NNC ASSERTS
HENCHMEN OF CHIEF KAPUUO CAPTURE AND DELIVER THE
NAMIBIANS TO SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES. IN TELEPHONE
CONVERSATION WITH GENEVA OFFICE, DEVRIES STATED THAT
SITUATION IN NAMIBIA COULD LEAD TO BLOODSHED AND EVEN
CHAOS.

3. ED MORROW, ANGLICAN VICAR GENERAL IN NAMIBIA,INFORMED
CATHY WOOD AUGUST 27 THAT A TOTAL OF 19 NAMIBIANS ARE
PRESENTLY BEING DETAINED UNDER SECTION 6 OF TERRORISM
ACT. HE LISTED SWAPO OFFICE HOLDERS, AXEL JOHANNES,
SAM SHIBUTE, AARON MUSHIMBA, AND RUBIN HAWANGA AS BEING
AMONG THE 19.

4. PROVIDED ABOVE INFO ON TERRORISM ACT ARRESTS TRUE,
REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH DFA TO EXPRESS USG CONCERN
OVER ARRESTS AND TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING
PARTICULARS OF DETENTION (CHARGES OR PLANNED CHARGES,
ACCESS TO COUNSEL, WELL BEING OF DETAINEES, PLACES OF
DETENTION AND TRIAL OR OTHER PROCEEDINGS DATES). REQUEST
EMBASSY CONSIDER DESIRABILITY OF EMBASSY OFFICER
VISITING NAMIBIA AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS
SITUATION AND GATHER FURTHER INFORMATION. INGERSOLL

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